

What developmental screening tools test for

Physical Development— looks for developmental milestones in motor skills like:

- Rolling over
- Grasping a toy
- Sitting-up
- Crawling and/or walking

Learning Development - looks for learning milestones like:

- Word understanding like “No” or “don’t touch”
- Speech
- Word usage
- Ability to put together basic puzzles
- Knowing the difference between shapes and putting them in the correct spot in a shape sorter.

Social Development— Looks for milestones in normal age appropriate social interactions like:

- Social smiles
- Playing peek-a-boo
- Imitating behavior
- Playing with others



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Child Find Program

Working with parents to help their children reach their full potential.



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What is Child Find?

A New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) program that identifies infants and/or children (ages 0–3 years old) that may need assistance with growth and development during the first years of life.

Making sure your child's development stays on track takes a cooperative effort that includes:

- You and your baby
- Child Find trained Public Health nurses from Warren County Health Services
- Your baby's health care provider, and
- New York State Department of Health

Child find nurses use developmental screening tests to see if your child has delays in:



- Physical development
- Learning development
- Social development

A parent whose child meets certain developmental delay criteria (as determined by the developmental screening) will be offered information and referral to services in the community that specialize in addressing a child's specific needs.

Should my child receive a screening?

If your child has any of the following risk factors

- Infants born after a pregnancy of less than 32 weeks.
- Infants born weighing less than 2001 grams (about 4lbs 7 oz..)
- Infants who spend 10 days or more in a neonatal or special care unit.



- Infants diagnosed with a medical problem at birth or shortly after birth—such as heart problems respiratory problems or others.

- Infants and preschool children who do not qualify for services through the Early Intervention Program but require ongoing developmental monitoring.

- Children age 0–3 years with an elevated lead level greater than 19 mcg/dl.

- A mom who is 16 year old or younger.

—OR—

- You suspect your child has a developmental delay .

You can contact Warren County Public Health to request a developmental screening from the Child Find program.

What does the Child find program cost?

There are no out of pocket costs for families. This program funded by the federal governments U.S. Office of Special Education Programs.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) all states have to have a "Comprehensive Child Find System" to assure that all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located, identified, and referred.



A Note to Parents:

For Child Find services to be successful parents must play an active role in their child's care. Child Find is a partnership between parents, the Public Health Nurse, your child's doctor, and NYSDOH whose common goal is to provide

developmental monitoring and identification children who are in need of early intervention or special education services and referrals to community agencies that can meet the needs of your child.

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